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1. The majority of veteran high-ranking officers who were retained in the Bulgarian Army after 1944 due to their qualifications and to the lack of politically reliable experienced officers to replace them, were retired on pensions in early November 1954. Included were a number of officers below pension age, and their right to draw pensions was granted through a special decree of the Council of Ministers. Informant believes this unexpected move is the final ridding from the Army of non-Communist elements.
2. The subject of a recent lecture held for officials of the Ministry of Defense was "The end of the transition period." 25X1
3. Reserve officers are receiving summons to appear at rally points in schools where they are asked to fill in a questionnaire similar to that of 1947. Questions about relatives outside Bulgaria and their reasons for staying abroad, as well as any changes in the officer's state of health since the last examination by a medical board, are included in the new forms. A curriculum vitae is to be inserted at the end of the form. The officers must hand in four small and two larger photographs; only two photographs were required in 1947. Informant believes that the Officers' Reserve Booklets will be exchanged in the near future.

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